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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re

G.H. COOPER PROPERTIES,

Debtor.

Case No. 2:18-bk-14756-BR

Chapter 7

**NOTICE OF FILING OF
APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 7
TRUSTEE TO EMPLOY LEVENE,
NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL
L.L.P. AS GENERAL
BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL**

[No Hearing Required]

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Heide Kurtz, the Chapter 7 trustee (the “Trustee,” or “Applicant”) for the estate of G.H. Cooper Properties (the “Debtor”), has filed an application (the “Application”) to employ the law firm of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. (“LNBYB”) as general bankruptcy counsel pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327, with compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330, and effective as of May 3, 2018. A copy of the complete Application is on file with the Court and may be obtained by submitting a written request to LNBYB, whose name, address and facsimile number are set forth in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of this Notice.

1 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Trustee seeks to employ LNBYB as its
2 bankruptcy counsel to render, among others, the following types of professional services:

3 a. assisting with the analysis and administration of interests in various
4 entities holding real properties, potential claims for professional negligence against DLA Piper,
5 claims against Katig, Inc. for reimbursement of legal costs, and claims for distributions and
6 costs arising in Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. SC124534 and SC125940;

7 b. advising Applicant with regard to the requirements of the Bankruptcy
8 Court, Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules and the Office of the United States Trustee
9 (“OUST”) as they pertain to the Debtor;

10 c. advising Applicant with regard to certain rights and remedies of its
11 bankruptcy estate and the rights, claims and interests of creditors;

12 d. representing Applicant in any proceeding or hearing in the Bankruptcy
13 Court involving its estate unless Applicant is represented in such proceeding or hearing by other
14 special counsel;

15 e. conducting examinations of witnesses, claimants or adverse parties and
16 representing Applicant in any adversary proceeding except to the extent that any such adversary
17 proceeding is in an area outside of LNBYB’s expertise or which is beyond LNBYB’s staffing
18 capabilities;

19 f. preparing and assisting the Applicant in the preparation of reports,
20 applications, pleadings and orders including, but not limited to objections to claims, settlements
21 and other matters relating to the case;

22 g. investigating, evaluating, and prosecuting objections to claims as may be
23 appropriate; and

24 h. performing any other services which may be appropriate in LNBYB’s
25 representation of Applicant during the bankruptcy case.

26 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that LNBYB is a firm which specializes in the
27 practice of bankruptcy law and has represented chapter 7 trustees in many bankruptcy cases for
28 numerous years.

1 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that to the best of Applicant's knowledge and
2 based upon the Declaration of Timothy J. Yoo, LNBYB and all attorneys associated with
3 LNBYB who expect to render services in this matter are disinterested persons, do not hold or
4 represent an interest adverse to the estate, and do not have any connections with the Debtor, the
5 creditors of the estate, any other party in interest in this case, or each of their respective
6 attorneys or accountants, the OUST, or any person employed by the OUST. In addition,
7 LNBYB has represented the Trustee in unrelated cases before the United States Bankruptcy
8 Court. Such prior representation does not affect the proposed representation herein.

9 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that because LNBYB's practice is limited
10 exclusively to matters of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization law, the services provided
11 by LNBYB do not include the rendition of substantive legal advice outside of these areas such
12 as corporate, tax, securities, tort, environmental, labor, criminal, real estate law or real estate
13 litigation. LNBYB will not be required to represent or advise the Trustee in matters which
14 LNBYB believes are beyond LNBYB's expertise such as the areas of law just described. In
15 addition, LNBYB will not be required to represent the Trustee in matters where LNBYB
16 determines that it lacks the ability to staff the matter adequately, such as in certain, major
17 complex litigation.

18 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that no compensation will be paid by the
19 Trustee to LNBYB except upon application to and approval by this Court after notice and a
20 hearing pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code. The hourly rates of attorneys
21 and paraprofessionals of LNBYB are set forth on the attached schedule. LNBYB has not
22 received any retainer for legal services in contemplation of and in connection with this case.

23 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1(b)(3)(E)
24 requires that any response and request for hearing, in the form required by Local Bankruptcy
25 Rule 9013-1(f)(1), be filed and served on the Trustee, her counsel, and the Office of the United
26 States Trustee not later than 14 days from the date of service of this Notice, plus 3 additional
27 days if the notice was served by mail, electronically, or pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. Rule 5(b)(2)(D),
28 (E), or (F).

1 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the failure to file a timely objection to the
2 Application or request for a Bankruptcy Court hearing on the Application may be deemed by
3 the Bankruptcy Court to constitute consent to Bankruptcy Court approval of the Application.

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5 DATED: June 1, 2018

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A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE TO EMPLOY LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL L.L.P. AS GENERAL BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL** will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) **June 5, 2018**, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) **June 5, 2018**, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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[ALL CREDITORS SERVED – SEE ATTACHED MATRIX]

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (*state method for each person or entity served*): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

June 5, 2018 Megan Wertz

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Signature

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